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**WARRANT FOR MARCH 2, 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING**

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 2nd day of March AD 2013 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 2, 2013. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Rance Pooler nominated Philip Roy, seconded by Judy Robertson. Phil Roy elected by written ballot.

Article 2: To open polls for election of Town Officials.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term: Elaine Aloes, Lois Miller

Elaine Aloes won 80 votes to 54 votes.

Road Commissioner: Michael Foster 122 votes

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Barbara Maden 125 votes

Treasurer: Judith Robertson 126 votes

MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3-year term: Deron Whittemore 117 votes

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2012 Surplus for overage in the Transfer Station, \$552.73.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Andy Davis motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$492,654, established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Andy Davis motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sacket seconded.
Motion passed by written ballot 37-5.*

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,400

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,750

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$28,000 as follows:

Selectmen \$8,833.00 each

Chair additional \$1,001.00

Vice-Chair additional \$ 500.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$23,000

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,000

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,700 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

12. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500.00

13. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500.00

14. COMPUTER FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,800

15. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

*Andy Davis motioned to accept all 16 as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PROTECTION.

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,886

3. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,200

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,200 plus reimbursements

5. FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,562.00

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,592

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$19,500

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$15,000

*Michael Sackett motioned to accept all 9 as recommended, Andy Davis seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$63,000 plus fees & income

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

*Michael Golden motioned to accept all 2 as recommended, Andy Davis seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$81,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$77,000 plus reimbursements

3. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,000

4. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,000

5. GRAVEL ROADS MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,000

6. STREET NAME SIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200

*Ann Padham motioned to accept all 6 as recommended, James Quimby seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$400)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

3. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,925)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

4. HOSPICE (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

5. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760.00)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760.00

6. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

7. CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTERS (requested \$2,318)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$282)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

9. HEADSTART (requested \$1,500)

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$1,000

10. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 with the money given to the Solon Corner Market to be used at the discretion of the Solon Food Cupboard.

11. RED CROSS (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

Andy Davis motioned to accept all 11 as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded.

Lois Miller motioned to allow George Myers from Kennebec Behavioral Health to speak to us, Andy Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Andy Davis motioned amend the original motion to change #6 to \$1,100, seconded by Fred Shaffer. Motion to amend the original motion passed.

Fred Shaffer motioned to amend the original motion to accept the requested amount instead of the recommended amount. Andy Davis seconded. Amendment failed 7-20.

The original motion with the amended amount on #6 passed.

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. TRUCK LOAN PAYMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,295 by taxation.

2. SALT SHED LOAN PAYMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,900 by taxation.

3. FIRST PARK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.

Michael Sackett motioned to accept all 3 as recommended, Ann Padham seconded.

Motion passed.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 plus fees.

2. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.

3. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$10,500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

5. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

6. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

*Andy Davis motioned to accept all 6 as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER (\$1,842.75 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,842.75

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

3. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,586)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,586

4. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

5. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

*Michael Golden motioned to accept all 6 as recommended, Andy Davis seconded.
Motion passed.*

13: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Darryl Avery for non-payment of 2010 property taxes. The property taxes for 2010 (\$446.61), 2011 (\$465.89) and 2012 (\$488.38) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 401 Rowell Mountain Road, Map R9 Lot 20.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving Darryl Avery until March 15, 2013 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2010, 2011 and 2012 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded. Motion passed.

14: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Henrietta Goldammer for non-payment of 2010 property taxes. The property taxes for 2010 (\$695.00), 2011 (\$725.00) and 2012 (\$760.00) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located on the east side of Ironbound Pond, Map R3 Lot 27.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving Henrietta Galdammer until March 15, 2013 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2010, 2011 and 2012 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen recommend no further action at this time.

Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded. Motion passed.

15: To see if the Town wants to raise funds for a paving project.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$217,000 by taxation, \$48,000 from URIP Funds, and to borrow \$580,000 for 4 years to repave the following roads: Brighton Road, French Hill Road, Drury Road, Grant Road and the already paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road.

Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded.

Gary Farnham motioned to table this article until after Article 16, Michael Golden seconded. Motion passed.

Returned to this article after passing Article 16. Gary Farnham motioned to table this article until next year, seconded by Dan Ames. Gary Farnham then revised his motion to have this article tabled indefinitely, Dan Ames seconded. Motion passed.

16: If Article 15 fails, to see if the Town wants to raise funds for a Road Paving Reserve Account.

Selectmen recommend raising \$217,000 for a Road Paving Reserve Account by taxation and to use a portion of this Reserve Account to do repairs and replace the culverts, as needed, on the Brighton Road, French Hill Road, Drury Road, Grant Road and the already paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road.

The Budget Committee recommends raising \$217,000 for a Road Paving Reserve Account by taxation and to use a portion of this Reserve Account to do repairs and replace the culverts, as needed, on the Brighton Road, French Hill Road, Drury Road,

Grant Road and the already paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road and to pay off the balance of the Salt Shed Loan.

Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended by the Budget Committee, Michael Sackett seconded. Motion passed.

17: To see if the Town will adopt the Revised Floodplain Management Ordinance.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded. Motion passed.

18: To see if the Town wants to install a street light at the intersection of Overlook Lane and Route 201 and to add \$144 to the Street Light Account to pay for it. (This is a Citizen's Request)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend No

Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Gary Farnham seconded. Motion passed.

19: To see if the Town will provide health insurance coverage to full time (40 hours) employees at a reasonable cost to them. (This is a Citizen's Request)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend having full time (40 hours) employees pay 100% of the cost of their health insurance coverage.

Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded. Lois Duplissee motioned to amend to pay 80% of family coverage for the full time employees, Bob St. Peter seconded. Amendment failed. Original motion passed.

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded. Motion passed.

Article 21: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

*Ann Padham motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 22: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

*Ann Padham motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Sackett seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 23: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.
2. To see the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2013.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$80,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

*Ann Padham motioned to accept all 5 as recommended, Jim Quimby seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 24: To see if the town shall set September 14, 2013 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 7%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

*Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Ann Padham seconded.
Motion passed.*

Article 25: If the Town accepts Article 24-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

*Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Gary Farnham seconded.
RK motioned to amend the article to read "If the Town accepts Article 23-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)" , Michael Golden seconded. Amendment passed.
Motion as amended passed.*

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

*Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.
Motion passed.*

Michael Sackett motioned to adjourn, Michael Sackett seconded. Motion passed.

Given under my hand this 6th day of February A.D., 2013,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

Sarah Davis, Selectman

Attest true copy: Barbara Maden, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the second day of March AD 2013 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town

Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 20th day of February AD 2013, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.